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BACKGROUND

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I. King Idris is considering a cabinet shake-up for early next month.

A. The 70-year-old king, who continues his firm grip on reins of power, has been told that Prime Minister Kubar and other important government figures have recently accepted large bribes

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B. He is also disgusted with the involvement of a number of officials of Trioplitania Province in a homosexuality scandal.

C. He may decide to kill two birds with one stone--to replace the prime minister and other cabinet members and to give a new cabinet more power over Tripolitania province.

E. The date for elections of a new, rubber-stamp parliament may now be delayed until February 1960.

II. UAR has continued to make friendly gestures toward King Idris.

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B. Crown Prince Hasan Rida has enhanced his popular standing somewhat--but not enough to ensure his succession in face of UAR-supported opponents.

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